

has surpassed the expectations and standards of a journalist. In a time when so many take liberty to belittle and bash members of the media, it is with great pleasure that I honor Frank today and share a piece of his life with you.

Mr. Speaker, as friends and associates gather to congratulate Frank for his 25 years of outstanding work, I ask that my colleagues and my country join me in saluting this exceptional individual—An individual who is a tremendous journalist and an active community leader—an individual who, until I memorialize it in writing, may never understand just how proud he makes so many of us feel.

Mr. Speaker, Frank del Olmo is a humble and thoughtful man who carefully conceals the passion and determination of a warrior. He is most deserving of our words of tribute. How I only wish that my pen would sing like his.

CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 12, 1997

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill joint resolution (H.J. Res. 2) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the number of terms of office of Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives:

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to express my support for term limits.

When our Founding Fathers drafted the Constitution, they envisioned a citizen legislature of the people, not a lifeline for career politicians.

Congress ought to be an institution that encourages individuals to come to Washington for a short period of time and subsequently return back to their local communities.

By enacting term limits we will return the power of Government back to the people, which is exactly where it belongs.

In my opinion, our current system fosters a class of professional politicians who entrench themselves in office by utilizing the powers of incumbency.

Let's put politics and bickering aside for a day and pass meaningful term limits legislation on a bipartisan basis.

Seventy-five percent of all Americans support term limits. Twenty-four States have approved term limit measures.

It's time for us to put the people back in charge and restore our constituents faith in Congress as an institution.

We can do this by sending a clear signal that the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate will no longer be home to the out of town and the out of touch.

I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of term limits today.

TRIBUTE TO EVELYN DUBROW ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIRE- MENT AFTER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE ON BEHALF OF AMERI- CA'S WORKING FAMILIES

HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 13, 1997

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Evelyn Dubrow, whose ceaseless advocacy on behalf of the American worker has spanned four decades and has been a catalyst for positive change in American society.

Evy Dubrow began her adult life as a journalist but soon became one of the leading voices in the labor movement. After serving as secretary of the New Jersey chapter of the American Newspaper Guild during the 1940's, Evy was hired by the International Ladies Garment Worker's Union [ILGWU] in 1956. Shortly thereafter, Evy was sent to Washington by the ILGWU where she lobbied for passage of many progressive initiatives. Through the Sixties, Seventies, and Eighties she worked closely with the leadership of both parties in support of a more labor-friendly agenda. In the Seventies, in honor of her tireless dedication, then-Speaker Tip O'Neill assigned Evy her own chair outside the House Chamber doors.

Evy Dubrow came to Washington a diminutive political novice, but will leave behind a legacy of the greatest stature. During her tenure on the Hill, Evy pressed for greater access to health care, family and medical leave, raising the minimum wage, and "Buy American," long before they became fashionable causes. Over the years her intelligence, gentility and charm have allowed her to gain access to a veritable Who's Who of the Congress. Never one to threaten or cajole, Evy trusted her firm grasp of the issues and friendly disposition to get her point across.

When Evy arrived in Washington there were only three other women lobbyists on the Hill and Dwight Eisenhower was in the White House. Over the span of her long career, Evy has received more honors than time permits me to list here today. Although she is retiring from her official post as vice president and legislative director of the ILGWU, her love for our institution and her enduring legacy will live on in the Halls of Congress. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Evelyn Dubrow's dedication to improving the lives of America's working families, and her contribution to the culture of politics, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring this truly deserving woman.

LOU GAMBACCINI; DEPARTURE FROM SEPTA

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 13, 1997

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of my good friend Mr. Lou Gambaccini, as he retires from his position of general manager of SEPTA. For 8 years, longer than any other general manager, Lou Gambaccini served SEPTA with dedication and distinction.

Lou Gambaccini inherited a system in 1988 wrought with numerous problems that required

quick and decisive action. He rose to this challenge and set forth to combat an aging infrastructure system. Lou provided the necessary guidance to move SEPTA in a positive direction. Due to his accomplishments, Lou is held in high regard within the national transportation community. He is one of the Nation's most renowned proponents of increasing our Federal commitment to mass transit.

SEPTA quickly moved into the area of infrastructure renewal and repair under Lou's tutelage. Projects were prioritized so that scarce resources were not unwisely depleted. Efficiency was the key element to these projects, reducing time and money spent. Beginning in 1988, SEPTA has engaged in numerous reconstruction projects, including the Frankford Elevated Reconstruction Project [FERC], RailWorks, Norristown High Speed Line, Overbrook Rail Maintenance Facility, Midvale Bus Depot, and the purchase of 400 new buses and 220 new cars for the Market-Frankford line.

The work completed on the Frankford Elevated Reconstruction Project is an amazing demonstration of Lou's leadership and insight. Lou managed this \$750 million reconstruction without any major disruption of service for the community. Thanks to his efforts, the Frankford El is a vital resource for the constituency of northeast Philadelphia.

Lou moved SEPTA into a new era in which critical dedicated funding could be counted on by organizing the Southeastern Pennsylvania Area Coalition for Transportation [ACT]. ACT is a group of 70 leaders from both traditional and nontraditional transit proponents, representing various constituencies. This group has become a model throughout the Nation for other transit supporters.

Frequently faced by inadequate operating budgets, Lou Gambaccini streamlined operations to cover million dollar gaps and increasing costs. Reacting to budget crises with creative solutions and proactive programs, he succeeded in meeting budget demands with the least amount of disruption possible.

Under Lou's guidance, SEPTA employees have become focused on creating a system that is service-friendly and propelled by its customers. During his tenure, service has improved tremendously with resourceful new need-based routes, as well as a major decline in violent crime on the system.

Serving as a leader to the Nation and the industry, Lou Gambaccini demanded that SEPTA become an agency where real equal opportunity exists. The upper management affirmative action initiative has achieved its goal of producing a middle and senior management workforce more balanced in its representation of females and minorities.

In his unprecedented term of 8 years as general manager of SEPTA, Lou Gambaccini has turned SEPTA around and sent it into the future on the right track. He has displayed perseverance and ingenuity when challenged. SEPTA is now in a position where it will have the ability to continue improving in the future and adapting to the changing needs of the community.

As general manager at SEPTA, Lou Gambaccini displayed the type of commitment and insight necessary for success, and he will be missed and remembered. I wish him the best of luck in the coming years.